



VYRA PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 'THE ASSOCIATION CUP'

To be held by Sandringham Yacht Club on the waters of Port Phillip on 17 March 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) of World Sailing, Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), Special Regulations of AS Part 1 for category 6 racing, **modified as per CI 1.5 of NOR**, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, available online at <https://syc.com.au/association-cup/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the race day.
- 3.2. Advice of any changes will be broadcast on VHF Channel 77 between 1000 and 1030 on the race day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole next to the Ken King Centre.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Signals made ashore will also communicated to skippers on VHF Channel 77 and by SMS to the primary contact of each entry.

5. SIGN ON REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1. Prior to the warning signal of the first race of the day, boats shall sign on by sailing past the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number and having the hail acknowledged.
- 5.2. All boats shall sign on their crew through the TopYacht crew sign on at <http://tymob.net.au/mycrew.php?evid=1768> prior to their first warning signal. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a penalty, without a hearing, with the boat's race score being increased by 3 points, but not worse than the score for DSQ, for the first race of the day. All other boats' scores will remain the same. This amends RRS 63.1 and Appendix A.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1. Races for all divisions will be held on Sunday 17 March 2024.
- 6.2. There will be up to 4 races for each division.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is no earlier than 1055.
- 6.4. The divisions will start in the following order in the first race: AMS, ORC
- 6.5. Races will be started as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race. Divisions will not necessarily be started in the same order as the previous race.
- 6.6. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is made. Competitors should keep a listening watch on Ch 77 for the race committee's intentions.
- 6.7. There will be no postponements to times later than 1600 on the day of the race.
- 6.8. There will be no resails after Sunday 17 March 2024.

7. DIVISION FLAGS

Division Flags will be:

Division	Division Flag	Backstay Flag
AMS	Code Flag W	Blue
ORC	Code Flag E	Orange

All yachts when racing shall fly the identifying Divisional flag from the backstay, (in the absence of a backstay from the starboard shroud), as described above.

8. RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on Port Phillip in the vicinity of SYC.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses are shown in Appendix A.
- 9.2. Courses will be advised by the flying of the appropriate numeral pennant (1-3) below the Division Flag.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2 and Gate will be yellow inflatable type truncated cones.
- 10.2. Mark 2 will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 1 at approx. 90 degrees from the first leg.
- 10.3. The Start pin mark will be an orange inflatable type truncated cone.
- 10.4. The Finish pin mark will be a blue inflatable type truncated cone.
- 10.5. A change mark will be the same colour as the mark it replaces, but with a black band.
- 10.6. In the event of a missing leeward gate mark, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

11. START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. A crowding mark may be laid astern to the race committee boat. When laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave the crowding mark on the same required side as the race committee boat.
- 11.3. The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 may be displayed from the race committee boat.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the sequence for other races.
- 11.5. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours. If one boat finishes within the prescribed time limit, other boats in that division shall finish within 45 minutes of the first boat. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race may be abandoned. Boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and 63.1.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Boats intending to lodge a protest for an incident in the racing area shall inform the race committee by hail or by radio (VHF Ch 77) when finishing or just after finishing.
- 16.2. Protest forms are available at the SYC Boating Office and on the keelboat race documents page <https://syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/race-documents/>.
Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit, either:
 - a) By hand to SYC boating office;
 - b) As attachment to an email - James.Sly@syc.com.au
- 16.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.4. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at SYC, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6. Breaches of SIs 10.6, 16 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.7. A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. RETIREMENTS

A boat that retires from a race, or that does not intend to compete in subsequent races, shall notify the race committee on VHF Ch 77 as soon as possible.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat while racing shall neither make nor receive electronic transmissions (radio, e-mails, mobile phone calls etc.) or other communications which are not available to all boats.
- 18.2. The race committee will use designated race frequency VHF Ch 77. Call sign is "SYC Race Committee"

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. All those taking part in races conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility. Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of boats whose entries are accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 19.2. **Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.**
- 19.3. Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by the Club.

20. INSURANCE

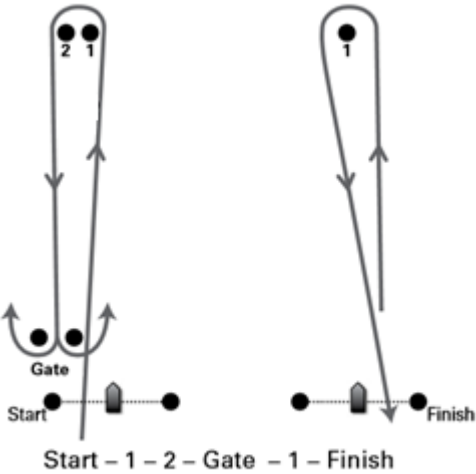
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD10Million per incident, with racing risk extension.

Appendix A: Courses

COURSE 1



COURSE 2



COURSE 3

